

he took to heart. These words were: "Stand up Hungarians—Your Country is calling, the question is do you want to be a slave or free?" Although he was only a teenager at the time, on October 23rd, 1956, he followed his father and took up arms against the Communists in power. However, the Soviets arrived to support the now collapsed Hungarian Communist government against the revolutionaries. He was one of 10,000 Hungarian freedom fighters who fought to defend his homeland; they were overwhelmed and Mr. Megyeri was driven into Austria.

Following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution Mr. Megyeri emigrated to the United States and embraced freedom with open arms. He attained his extension education at several American universities and worked numerous jobs. Throughout his long career he has worked as an attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration, an audit manager for the Government Accountability Office, and on several congressional committee staffs. After spending several years practicing private law, in 2003, Mr. Megyeri began his tenure as President of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America.

Among other noteworthy achievements, Leslie has received the Gold Cross of Merit from the President of Hungary for his involvement in assisting Hungary in their efforts to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring an outstanding individual who has committed himself toward the cause of freedom and liberty.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHIL DALY
HOSE COMPANY #2

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Phil Daly Hose Company #2 of Long Branch, New Jersey, as its members gather to celebrate its 125th Anniversary. Since its founding in 1886, Phil Daly Hose Company has faithfully protected the local residents, businesses and visitors of the City. Their honorable and courageous actions are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

Phil Daly Hose Company continues to expand their capabilities through the acquisition of new technology. The Art Smeal Pumper, capable of delivering 2000 gallons of water per minute, will provide the fire company with greater capabilities to assist residents and provide greater services to the citizens of Long Branch. Similarly, the addition of the Emergency One Rescue Truck has expanded the fire company's abilities to assist with rescue mission throughout the area. Phil Daly Hose Company has a proud and long standing history of valor and sacrifice. Their heroic actions while serving their community is a testament to the selfless actions of the members to protect and serve the residents of Long Branch. The members of this fire company continue to exemplify their unwavering dedication and service for their fellow citizens and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Phil Daly Hose Company #2 on its 125th Anniversary and thanking the men and women who

have served and protected the City of Long Branch.

HONORING JIM WELLEHAN

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Wellehan, the Vice President of Maine's Lamey-Wellehan's shoe stores and the 2011 Auburn Business Association Citizen of the Year Award.

Jim is an exceptional businessman, helping to win Lamey-Wellehan the Boston Shoe Travelers Association award for 2011 Retailer of the Year. More importantly, Jim's commitment to a quality product goes hand in hand with helping to build a quality community.

Jim is committed to the environment, already having cut carbon emissions at Lamey-Wellehan by 23 percent and is on pace to achieve his company's ultimate goal of a 50 percent reduction by 2020. It's no coincidence that among the many honors that Jim has received is the 2007 Maine Sierra Club Business of the Year.

In recent years, Jim has served on the Lewiston Planning Board, the Board of Overseers at St. Joseph's College, the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine, President of the Board of the Lewiston Auburn Occupational Center, a member of the Maine Small Business Coalition and a youth soccer league coach.

There are few individuals more deserving of this award than Jim. His commitment to his state, community and customers is unprecedented, and I am pleased that he is being recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Jim Wellehan, the 2011 recipient of the Auburn Business Association Good Citizen Award.

IN HONOR OF CEDRIC THORBES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Cedric Thorbes, a young man who has displayed outstanding leadership. Mr. Thorbes has been named 2011's Youth Champion by Voices for Ohio's Children.

Cedric Thorbes was born in Liberal, Kansas and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He is currently a senior at Glenville High School, where he is a merit-roll student and President of his senior class. Outside of school, Mr. Thorbes can often be found giving back to his community. He currently serves as the President of the Cleveland NAACP Youth Council, Chapter President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Youth President of the Brotherhood, Respect, Intelligence, Conduct, and Knowledge (BRICK) program. Cedric has also served as a leadership ambassador for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Cedric has been recognized by the Cleveland community for his service and was the

recipient of this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award. Cedric was also recently awarded a \$25,000 scholarship after participating in the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage's "Stop the Hate! Youth Speak Out" essay contest.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Cedric Thorbes for his unwavering dedication to leadership in his community and being named 2011's Youth Champion. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DERO G.
DOWNING

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a remarkable Kentuckian, Dr. Dero G. Downing. On April 4, Dr. Downing, Western Kentucky University's fourth president, passed on at the age of 89, leaving behind a lasting impression that will live on for years to come.

Dr. Downing served many roles throughout his lifetime but was best known for his time spent as WKU's president. Before serving as president, Dr. Downing became the university's registrar in 1959. Three years later, he was named dean of admissions. He then took the administrative affairs vice president position when it was created and held that position until becoming WKU's president in 1969.

During his decade long tenure as president, Dr. Downing could be found socializing with students, staying involved with WKU sports, and consistently keeping the campus in praiseworthy shape. He resigned as president in 1979, but not without first leaving his legacy on the hill.

Dr. Downing always conducted himself as a man of honor, loyalty and spirit. He exemplified to the fullest extent how indeed "The Spirit Makes the Master."

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Dero G. Downing for his many great contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as an architect in contributing to the successes of Western Kentucky University throughout his adult life.

SERGEANT KINTERKNECHT, OFFICER
RAGSDALE AND OFFICER
WITTE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor to stand and pay tribute to three members of the Montrose Police Community that displayed courage exceeding the call of duty. On July 25th, 2009, Sergeant Kinterknecht, along with Officers Ragsdale and Witte, and other members of the Montrose Police Department and Montrose County Sheriff's Department responded to a domestic violence call that quickly turned violent.

Soon after authorities arrived, gunfire erupted, tragically leaving Sergeant Kinterknecht fatally wounded, and Officers Ragsdale and